

INTRODUCED: 03/21/2016

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councillor Oliver

DIGEST: recognizes the 60th Anniversary of Crispus Attucks High School's undefeated 1956 State Championship Basketball team and its induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Oliver

Drafted by: Councillor Oliver

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____ Date: March 17, 2016

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2016

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION recognizing the 60th Anniversary of Crispus Attucks High School's undefeated 1956 State Championship Basketball team and its induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Crispus Attucks Tigers made national history in March of 1956 when it became the first Indiana high school to go undefeated in the boys' basketball state championship; and

WHEREAS, nearly 15,000 fans packed Butler Fieldhouse and millions of people watched the game or listened to it on the radio as the Tigers defeated Lafayette Jefferson 97-57; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team included; Bill Brown, Oscar Robertson, Sam Milton, Sanford Patton, John Gipson, Albert Maxey, Edgar Searcy, Odell Donel, James Enoch, Herbert Swanigan, Henry Robertson, and Laverne Benson and was headed by Coach Ray Crowe and Assistant Coach Albert Spurlock; and

WHEREAS, over 25,000 fans gathered and greeted the team at Northwestern Park to celebrate the historic event; and

WHEREAS, the Crispus Attucks Tigers entered the state tournament with a 1956 undefeated season and completed the tournament with a perfect season ending record of 31-0; and

WHEREAS, even though the team faced discrimination, unfair treatment and bad calls from referees and other teams, the Tigers continued to conduct themselves in the positive and professional manner that was expected of them from Coach Crowe; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers galvanized the city of Indianapolis as well as received the support of cheerleaders from other high schools as they marched through their undefeated season and tournament play leading to the State Championship; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Indianapolis City-County Council proudly honors and recognizes the 60th Anniversary of Crispus Attucks High School's undefeated 1956 State Championship Basketball team and its induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

SECTION 2. The Council is privileged to be the City of the team that made history by being the first boys' high school basketball team in Indiana to win an undefeated State championship title.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2016, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Maggie A. Lewis
President, City-County Council

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor